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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEFINING  
ROUTING OF CUSTOMERS BETWEEN  
MERCHANTS

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**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT**  
**to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2009**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2009 (Paper No. / Mail Date 20090521), please consider the following remarks.

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